

Campus Life

Social and cultural opportunities are a significant part of a student's educational experience; therefore, Fairmont State University provides many services, activities, and organizations that students may select as they adjust to the college environment. The following section of the catalog describes these opportunities in detail.

Matters concerning student rights, responsibilities, and social conduct can be found in the published Student Handbook and online at <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/publications/campushandbooks/studenthandbook/default.asp>

WELCOME WEEKEND

Welcome Weekend, which includes new student move-in, occurs just ahead of the new academic year each August and is specifically designed to aid new students in the transition to campus and to college life in general. Programs are offered to make students feel welcome in their new environment and to introduce them to the support services which are essential to their persistence and success. Each student attending the event will be fully oriented to his/her academic school or college, as well as the broader institution, and will walk away from the event with a clear set of expectations in both academic and social/behavioral realms. Welcome Weekend highlights include the annual Convocation Ceremony, a picnic and fair featuring local banks and businesses, a movie on the lawn, and a bus tour of the city.

Incoming students will receive an invitation by mail which will include RSVP instructions. For more information, please visit www.fairmontstate.edu/WelcomeWeekend or, contact the Office of Retention at: Retention@fairmontstate.edu

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Fairmont State University maintains four traditional residence halls which accommodate 844 students. Each residence hall provides a learning environment which is designed to enhance academic and social life. Housing contracts are for the entire academic year

and prices vary by residence hall. For additional information, contact Residence Life at (304) 367-4216.

University Terrace, Fairmont State University's newest residential facility has apartments and semi-suites that accommodate 345 students. All apartments and some semi-suites operate on a year-round lease. Pence Hall offers year round housing in the single occupancy rooms. Tenants are required to abide by all rules and regulations. Prices vary based on room type and length of lease.

1. All freshman and sophomore students are required to live in campus housing unless approved for an exemption to the residency policy. Students interested in applying for an exemption must submit the form, which is available on our website, and any required documentation. All students must receive written confirmation of their release from the campus residency requirement before making housing arrangements off-campus. Students requesting exempt status from the residency policy must submit the request at least 30 days prior to the start of the semester indicated in the request. Students may not request an exemption after he/she has completed the lease agreement for the academic year.

2. Students must pay a deposit in order to complete their application and reserve a room. Housing assignments are completed based upon the student's date of completed application. All residence hall applications and assignments are made for the entire academic year

3. The deposit refund deadline for the fall semester is May 31st. The deposit refund deadline for the spring semester is November 30th. The deposit is forfeited if the cancellation or release request is not submitted by the semester deadlines. The deposit, less any damages or other outstanding charges, will be returned at the end of the occupancy period.

4. Cancellation for current students ONLY: You may cancel your housing application/lease with us for the upcoming academic year ONLY if you do so by April 15th in writing to reslife@fairmontstate.edu. You will forfeit your deposit. Your cancellation will be considered if you meet any of the following requirements:

- You have met the four (4) consecutive semester requirements
- You plan to live at home with a parent/guardian within 50 miles of campus
- You are over the age of 21

- You are married
- You have graduated
- You became a parent
- You have withdrawn from the University

For any returning student who requests a cancellation after the April 15th deadline the cancellation will not be considered under any circumstances and you will be assessed full room/board charges if applicable.

5. The institution reserves the right to limit the number of students in the residence halls under its control.

6. Students who live in the traditional residence halls or semi-suites in University Terrace must purchase a Meal Plan for the Dining Hall.

7. Room and board fees must be paid in full for a semester prior to the first day of classes.

8. All residence hall students and their parents or guardians are responsible for being familiar with the University Student Code of Conduct and all other regulations that are listed and explained in the Residence Hall Guide to Success.

9. In cases where a preponderance of evidence exists of policy violation or criminal action, the student's room will be searched in accordance with the University Student Code of Conduct. The student will then have a student conduct hearing to determine the outcome of the incident.

10. Any residence hall student who is suspended or expelled from the institution and/or a residence hall for disciplinary reasons will be responsible for paying for the remainder of the housing contract.

11. All residence halls are tobacco, smoke, and vapor free.

12. Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are not permitted on campus, including all residence halls.

STUDENT AUTOMOBILE PARKING REGULATIONS

The campus provides a 940-space parking garage for students as well as parking spaces in defined areas throughout the campus. Parking permits are required and are included in tuition; they can be obtained from Enrollment Services in Turley Student Services Center. Students receive parking maps at the time of admission and they are available from the Dept. of Public Safety. Visitor and/or day passes can be

purchased from the Dept. of Public Safety. Additional information may be found in the Student Handbook.

FALCON CENTER

The student Falcon Center, centrally located on campus, provides an environment where students and employees can comfortably interact with one another while enjoying a variety of fitness and recreation programs, eating areas and study lounges. The campus bookstore, copy center, computer labs, dining services, food court, and much more are available for both students and employees.

Included in the recreation/fitness areas are: 7,000 square feet of fitness equipment, five multi-purpose courts marked for basketball, volleyball, badminton and indoor soccer; multi-purpose rooms offering a variety of fitness classes; 25-yard fitness/lap pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and outdoor eating area; four-lane cushioned jogging/walking track and spacious locker rooms with lockers that may be rented. Throughout the year, the Falcon Center offers special events such as health fairs, wellness and health eating programs, up-all-night parties, and much more. Also, the Falcon Center has a wide range of student social events as well as intramural sports available for students and staff. Located in the Falcon Center is "The Nest" which provides students in need with essential resources such as food, hygiene, and baby products. For further information, call the reception desk at 304-368-7222.

CAMPUS CARD SERVICES

Campus Card Services offers many services to help you with your ID needs.

Your Student ID Card is your official Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College identification. Students can get their ID Card issued in the Falcon Center, on the first floor, the Turley Center, or at The Gaston Caperton Center. For further information, please contact Campus Card Services at (304) 368-7227.

BOOKSTORE

The campus bookstore, located on the second floor of the Falcon Center, carries all textbooks and school supplies needed for classes and a large selection of Fairmont State University and Pierpont apparel and

gifts. Other items available include diploma frames, graduation supplies, general reading books, reference and test prep books, flash drives, school spirit items, dorm room supplies, work out items, and much more. Computers and computer software, at educational discounts, are available through the bookstore website. Students may charge textbooks and supplies to their student account, both in-store and online. Clothing, giftware, and many more items are available for purchase through the online site as well. We now accept Falcon Dollars as a form of payment. The bookstore can be contacted at 304-333-3636.

PRINTING SERVICES

Conveniently located on the third floor of the Falcon Center, Printing Services is open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. No need to leave campus – we're right here!

We welcome faculty, staff, students and personal work. You create it – we print it – from hard copy, thumb drive, internet or e-mail. Save your work as a pdf or jpeg file for best results.

Our basic services include copying and printing up to 11" x 17" in black & white and color. Additionally, we offer large format printing with various paper sizes up to 42" wide. (See our website for a calculator to figure the cost of your large print) Pricing is the same for departments and students – 8 ½" x 11" black & white copies are \$.05 and color copies are \$.12. There is no charge for copy paper. An array of other papers to complement your job are available at an additional charge. Pricing for personal jobs is \$.10 for black & white copies and \$.25 for color copies.

Finishing services include stapling and 3-hole punch at no charge. Laminating, coil binding, cutting, folding, booklet-making, padding, creasing and perforating are also available at an additional cost. Please contact us at 304-367-4185 for pricing.

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CAFETERIA

Marketplace-style breakfasts, lunches and dinners are served Monday through Friday in the Cafeteria, located on the third floor of the Falcon Center (the student activity center). Brunch and dinner meals are available on weekends and on some holidays. Students on meal plans are to attend meals at this location or may use their Flex Dollars to buy food or groceries at one of the retail venues on campus. Commuter students may also dine in the Cafeteria by purchasing the all-you-care-to-eat option. Commuters have another option - purchasing a "block" of meals, available in blocks of 20, 30 or 50, to be redeemed as the student desires and valid throughout the semester. Every meal plan participant must present his/her student ID card to the cashier to show payment for a meal. To learn more about the dining options and to make suggestions, call the Dining Services office.

FOOD COURT AND CONVENIENCE STORE

The Nickel is just one of three retail venues available to students located on the second level of the Falcon Center that provide additional dining options, especially for those in a hurry. Meal Plan participants may elect to use some of their Flex Dollars at any retail food outlet.

STARBUCKS AT THE LIBRARY

There is a treat in store for all who choose a rich and creamy Starbucks latte or rich brewed coffee. We have expanded the menu and you will now find a good selection of pre-packaged salads, sandwiches and desserts. Look for us off to the right as you enter the Musick Library.

THE LIBRARIES OF FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY

MAZURE, SHARON L. (1997)

Interim Library Director, Reference, and Interlibrary Loan

CHIBA, TORU (2002)

Reference and Electronic Services Librarian

HIVELY, CHARLEY (2007)

Reference and Instructional Services Librarian

SHERMAN, JACQUELYNN (2016)

Assistant Library Director, Reference, and Emerging Technologies

BARRA, MOLLY (2017)

Reference and First-Year-Experience Librarian

Fairmont State University has three libraries that may be used by all students, faculty, and staff. The Ruth Ann Musick Library is full service and is located on the main campus. The Caperton Center in Clarksburg requests materials from the main campus, and has computers to access the library's electronic materials. The third facility is located at the National Aerospace Education Center (NAEC) at Bridgeport and provides aerospace resources.

These libraries function at the heart of the institution's academic programs. Library staff members work closely with students and faculty to develop research skills and to provide a wide range of support services that enhance the learning experience. The libraries' print and electronic holdings are designed to support the curricular needs of the academic program of study offered and to encourage intellectual and personal growth in all areas of the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and technology.

The libraries provide easy access to over one million items, including books, magazines and journals, specialized reference works, newspapers, government documents, style manuals, puppets, videos, DVDs,

music CDs, and other streaming multimedia. There are over 180 academic electronic databases accessible from the library's homepage, and nearly 750,000 electronic books are available through the online catalog. More than 50,000 journals, magazines, and newspapers are accessible through online databases. A limited number of print journals and newspapers are also available. The Fairmont State Library is a member of WVDELI, a consortium of public and academic libraries providing downloadable materials: books, audio, and video, for all library users.

The librarians offer instructional programs and training sessions that explain the use of the library's resources, methods of dealing critically with available information, and ways in which the library can provide information, both through traditional methods and through the use of electronic formats. Training in the use of information gathering on the Internet and the libraries' electronic information resources is available to all users.

The library on the main campus is open over 115 hours a week during fall and spring semesters and over 70 hours a week during the summer sessions. At least one professional librarian is available or on call most hours that the library is open. The librarians provide individualized assistance with projects, research, questions, and papers.

Interlibrary loan is available if students and faculty need research materials that are not available in one of the libraries. Users may place requests online, using ILLIAD software, and the library absorbs any fee involved. Books come in by mail and articles are electronically transmitted to the requestor.

Specialized assistance in locating resources is available. Students and faculty may visit the reference desk in person, phone or e-mail questions to the librarians, or ask for help via a live chat. All online resources are available remotely from any location with Internet access, through the use of the UCA (Unified College Account) username and password.

Student Services

RETENTION

The Office of Retention coordinates strategic programs, initiatives, and outreach efforts, all designed to support student transition, belonging, and persistence. From helping first-year students transition during annual events such as Welcome Weekend to monitoring grades and reaching out to at-risk students, the office is continually undergoing efforts to help keep students on-track.

The work of the Retention Team can be categorized into four areas it oversees:

The First-Year Experience (First Year Seminars and FYE Passport Program)

Parent and Family Programs (Home to Falcon Family Association and the annual Family Weekend event)

Student Progress and Success Initiatives (Including the Freshmen Check-In Campaign, Mid-Semester Crunch Workshop, Majors Marketplace, and Mid-Year Institute e-course)

And the Commuter Assistant Program (student mentors focused on developing a commuter community).

The office is focused on keeping students continuously enrolled through completion and is here to help students with developing academic skills, finding campus resources and creating a connection to campus. Besides outreach efforts, the Retention office is open for individual appointments to talk through solutions to students' troubles.

The Office of Retention is located in 207 Turley Student Services Center. For Appointments and more information, please call (304) 333-3360, email retention@fairmontstate.edu or visit www.fairmontstate.edu/retention.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career Development Center offers services promoting the professional growth of students through 3 related offices.

CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services provides students and alumni with a variety of benefits, including career exploration, life planning, and job searching assistance. Students can utilize career counseling and online software to clarify their options. An extensive career resource library is also available. The Office of Career Services provides the following to both students and alumni:

- Assistance in declaring a major through a variety of assessment tools
- Personalized career counseling
- Information on employment trends, outlooks, etc.
- Internship/practical experience opportunities
- Workshops, career/job fairs
- Graduate school information
- An online resume and job database
- Full and part-time job opportunities
- Assistance with resumes, cover letters, and interviewing
- Practice interviews (videotaping is available)
- On-campus interviewing
- Career resources library

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Civic Engagement encourages service to the community through volunteer opportunities and service learning courses. Students can connect their field of study to the needs of our community organizations, gaining real-world experience while making a difference in the community.

The Career Development Center is located in 222 Turley Student Services Center. Appointments may be made by calling (304) 367-4214.

COUNSELING SERVICE

The Counseling Center offers high quality counseling services to Fairmont State's undergraduate and graduate community. Psychological, emotional, and mental well-being are important contributors to academic success, personal growth and success. Students can obtain assistance with a variety of issues that affect their emotional and interpersonal development through individual counseling, group counseling, training, consultation, and referral

services that are provided to the members of the Fairmont State University community.

The primary mission of Counseling is to assist Fairmont State students in defining and accomplishing personal, academic, and career goals. To accomplish the mission, Counseling Services strive for high quality provision of:

- Individual and group counseling services to students who may be experiencing psychological, behavioral, or learning difficulties.
- Programming focused on the developmental needs of students to maximize their potential to benefit from the academic environment and experience.
- Consultative services to the institution to help foster an environment supportive of the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical development of students.
- Advocacy for a healthy and diverse learning community.
- Assessment services to identify and address student needs through appropriate services and referrals.
- Crisis response, including threat assessment.

Contacts with the Counseling Services are held in strict confidence. Appointments may be made by calling 304-333-3661 or in person.

The office is located in 316 Turley Student Services Center. For more information please visit our website <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/counseling>.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, students with disabilities are due reasonable accommodations in their academic pursuits. A student's disability should not unfairly interfere with his or her learning process or evaluation and grading.

The primary mission of the Fairmont State University Disability Services Office (DSO) is to provide leadership and facilitate equal access to all institutional opportunities for students who have disabilities, so they may achieve their academic, personal and professional goals in preparation for responsible citizenship. DSO provides institution-wide advisement, consultation, and training on disability-related topics, including legal and regulatory compliance, universal design, and

disability scholarship. We identify and work to remove barriers to foster an all-inclusive campus, and provide individual services and facilitate academic accommodations to students with disabilities. Our staff collaborates with students, instructors, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive and sustainable by:

- Advocating for students with disabilities to have access to the same level of service from campus offices as is available to non-disabled students and to receive from DSO only those services not provided elsewhere by the institution.
- Fostering the development of a campus culture that values the diversity of disability and that values disability as a core component of diversity. Encouraging the design of campus environments that welcome students with disabilities, and advocate for inclusion of a commitment across institutional departments.
- Through guidance and technical assistance to the institution on disability-related laws and regulations, DSO fosters academic experiences that are as similar as possible to the experiences of non-disabled students by:
- Providing guidance, advice, and technical assistance that informs and enables the institution to meet applicable laws and regulations.
- Apprising key administrators of emerging issues relative to disability and access that may impact the institution.
- Ensuring that students with disabilities receive reasonable and appropriate accommodations, aids, and services to have equal access to all institutional programs, services, and activities.
- Collaborating with others across the institution in ways that benefit students.
- Providing guidance to faculty members in providing reasonable and effective accommodations, and by consultation and training for faculty members on disability related topics.

The Disability Services Office is located in 316 Turley Center and can be reached at (304)333-3661.

For more information please visit our website
www.fairmontstate.edu/access.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of International Student Services offers onboarding of new students, immigration advisement, support services, counsel, and programming for all international students from applicant through alumni status. A trained staff supports international students as they settle into the community and assists in locating the resources they require to succeed academically. All student applicants who hold a United States visa or who have been educated at the high school or collegiate level outside the United States should contact the Office of International Student Services when seeking admission. All international students must meet with a Designated School Official (DSO) upon arriving on campus and at the beginning of each semester thereafter to complete immigration procedures with SEVIS prior to the start of classes. International students must bring their passports, visas, I-20's (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant Student Status), and I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) to each semester meeting. For additional information about the program, call (304) 367-4303 or email Trish.DeNoon@fairmontstate.edu.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Student Health Service is located on the 3rd floor of the Falcon Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A Nurse Practitioner is available to care for students' needs during those hours.

The service is available only to currently enrolled students with a valid student ID. Summer hours are the same as those of the general institution. Students may visit the office for any reason that may cause them to seek treatment from their general health care provider at home. If care is needed beyond the scope of service, the student will be referred to the appropriate facility. Students are encouraged to walk in or call the office at (304) 367-4155.

TUTORING

WRITING CENTER

The Fairmont State University Writing Center offers one-on-one peer tutoring to help students with writing assignments. This service is free for all full-time and part-time students. Tutors are trained to help with any kind of writing, including essays, research papers, technical documents, and writing in any discipline. Additional assistance is available for students with documented disabilities and those for whom English is not their first language. The Fairmont State University Writing Center is located in Jaynes Hall 308. For hours of availability, check the Tutoring Services college website or call the Center at 304-333-3699. The Center accepts walk-ins or appointments.

PEER TUTORING PROGRAM

Peer tutoring is available on a "drop-in" basis to all students through the Tutorial Services Center at the Locust Avenue campus only. All full-time and part-time students are entitled to free tutoring. Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for additional support services. Students are encouraged to request tutoring for extra academic support and especially if they are in danger of failing a class. Each semester, peer tutoring is available for most basic required courses and for a variety of other courses. The center has individual tutoring areas equipped with dry erase boards, desks, and computers. Students in good academic standing (sophomores, juniors, seniors) who would like to serve as paid "peer tutors" must complete an application, take a free, one-hour tutor training practicum online course, complete other required training, and meet established criteria and standards to qualify as a tutor. The Peer Tutorial Services program is certified by the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA). For hours of availability, check the Tutorial Services college website or contact the Director of Tutorial Services in the Library, 2nd Level at 304-367-4081.

Student Activities & Organizations

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) provides students with opportunities to attend and participate in a wide variety of engaging social activities. These activities include but are not limited to comedy shows, musical performances, dances, educational and motivational lectures, and many other enjoyable events. A calendar of student events and activities can be found on Fairmont State University's homepage under Campus Life dropdown menu and clicking on the "Calendars" link.

The OSA is located on the 3rd Floor of Colebank Hall where the Coordinator of Student Activities also resides. The best way to contact the OSA is by emailing: StudentActivitites@Fairmontstate.edu

The Office of Student Activities also oversees the registration and operations of over 50 Student Organizations, Clubs, Honor Societies and Greek Life Communities.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Fairmont State has over 50 student organizations that include clubs, Honor societies and Greek Life communities for the promotion of interests in various academic fields, the recognition of outstanding achievement in various campus activities, and for general social purposes. A list of currently active organizations can be found online at Fairmont State University's home webpage under the Campus Life dropdown menu, and clicking on the "Student Organizations" link.

Please contact the Office of Student Activities for more information by emailing: StudentActivitites@Fairmontstate.edu

FORENSICS (PUBLIC SPEAKING, ORAL INTERPRETATION, AND DEBATE)

Fairmont State University offers a variety of programs for all students interested in public speaking, oral interpretation, and debate.

Participation in all of these activities is open to any full-time student in good academic standing at Fairmont State University. All activities operate under the direction of the Communication and Theatre Arts faculty. The Intercollegiate Debate Squad participates annually in several intercollegiate debate tournaments at colleges and universities throughout the East and Midwest.

Students may participate in intercollegiate competitions in oratory, extemporaneous speaking, persuasive speaking, impromptu speaking, after-dinner speaking, and prose, poetry, and dramatic interpretation. All full-time students have the opportunity to participate in the Annual M.M. Neely Persuasive Speaking Contest. The contest is a public speaking event which is endowed by the heirs of the late U.S. Senator and Governor of West Virginia, Matthew Mansfield Neely.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS POLICIES

The program of intercollegiate athletics at Fairmont State University is supervised by a Director of Athletics, who reports to the University President, the Fairmont State Athletic Association (FSAA), an athletic committee made up of faculty, and the Athletic Affairs committee made up of BOG members.

The general objectives of the intercollegiate athletic program at Fairmont State University are to teach students the values of sportsmanship, good physical conditioning, and the disciplinary and social values of organized team play. Specific goals include training through participation for prospective coaches and physical education instructors and the acquisition of experiences and skills which may enhance recreational outlets following graduation.

In pursuance of the policies recommended by the North Central Association, the following minimum standards governing intercollegiate athletics are maintained:

- The ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program rests with the President of the University.
- Students participating in athletics are admitted by the Director of Admissions on the same basis as other students. Athletes are

required to maintain the same academic standards as non-athletes.

- The award of scholarships, student loans, and student employment to athletes are made through the same agency of the Institution and on the same basis as grants of aid to all other students. All employed students are required to give full and honest work for pay received.
- All athletic funds are handled by the Business Office. An audit of the receipts and disbursements of these funds is made annually by the Legislative auditors.
- An effort is made to compete only with institutions having similar educational and athletic policies.
- Fairmont State University is a member of the Mountain East Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Athletic participation is regulated and controlled by the eligibility rules of the Conference and the NCAA. Copies of these rules are on file in the Office of the Director of Athletics.

Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements

To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletic competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution. As a general requirement, "progress toward degree" is to be interpreted at each institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students, subject to controlling legislation of the conference or similar association of which the institution is a member.

Fulfillment of Minimum Hours and Grade-Point-Average for Student-Athletes

A student-athlete shall meet the "satisfactory completion" provision of this requirement by maintaining a grade-point average that places the individual student-athlete in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students-athletes who are at an equivalent stage of progress toward degree. To fulfill the "satisfactory completion" provision of this requirement, a student-athlete who

first enters a Division II institution after 1988-89 academic year must achieve the following cumulative grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.0) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any regular term of that academic year, based on the student-athletes earning:

- a. 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.8;
- b. 48-semester or 72 quarter hours: 1.9;
- c. 72-semester or 108 quarters hours: 2.0; and
- d. 96-semester or 144 quarters hours: 2.0.

A student-athlete must meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculation cumulative grade-point averages for all students, and the calculations shall include only course work normally counted by the institution in calculating the cumulative grade-point for graduation.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

Fairmont State University is a member of NCAA Division II, the Mountain East Conference and sponsors an intercollegiate athletic program of 16 sports: 7 sports for men: football, basketball, baseball, cross-country, golf, tennis and swimming, and 9 sports for women: tennis, golf, basketball, volleyball, swimming, softball, cross-country, soccer and acrobatics and tumbling. A cheerleading spirit squad which cheers for all home football and men's and women's basketball games is also offered for women and men. Fairmont State University provides fine indoor and outdoor facilities and equipment for physical education and recreation. All students are free to participate in intercollegiate sports, intramural sports and in all recreational activities.

INTRAMURAL & CLUB SPORTS

Intramural Sports offers students, faculty & staff at Fairmont State University the opportunity to participate in many organized sports and activities on a competitive and recreation level. Its mission is to encourage, promote and develop active living and healthy lifestyles, as well as personal growth through competition and recreation. All skill levels are welcome and there is no fee to participate. Students must be currently enrolled in on-campus classes

and/or have admission to the Falcon Center, and employees must be currently working on campus.

Our goal is to provide a structured sporting environment that maintains competition, camaraderie, physical fitness and fun while promoting sportsmanship and respect for competition among participants and spectators.

Events are organized for competitive play among groups, individuals and campus organizations in both semester long league sports as well as over 15 different single-night events. Our single night events include both tournament format and open play in such things as volleyball, dodgeball, ping pong, cornhole, Texas Hold'em, Knochball, indoor soccer and many more.

Several club sports are organized on the campus and students enrolled in both institutions are eligible to participate. Current clubs include Men's and Women's Rugby, Cheerleading, Dance, Powerlifting, and Fishing. Club Sports are 100% Student supported with guidance from the Intramural Department. Contact information for each club team can be found on the web page or for additional information, please contact the Director of Intramurals & Recreation at (304) 367-4291 or email tmscaro@fairmontstate.edu.

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS

Performing organizations in the Department of Music are open to all interested and qualified students.

Instrumental organizations include the Fairmont State Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble. Other ensembles include Woodwind Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, African Drum and Dance Ensemble, and Piano Ensemble and are organized on demand under faculty supervision.

Vocal ensembles include: Collegiate Singers, the Chamber Choir and Community Chorus. Additional ensembles are organized on occasion under faculty supervision.

All musical ensembles present concerts on and off campus during the school year. Students may receive credit in the General Studies curriculum by performing in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Collegiate Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Choir, and Percussion Ensemble. Participating students are encouraged to apply for a School of Fine Arts

Participation Scholarship. Interested students should contact the Department of Music, in the School of Fine Arts, for additional information at (304) 367-4169 or email D.Eichenbaum@fairmontstate.edu.

PUBLICATIONS

Student publications available on campus include The Columns, the student newspaper; The Mound, the yearbook; Whetstone, the student art and literary journal; and Tracts, the student scholarly journal.

Staff positions are open to all interested students, with approval of the respective editor and advisor. Application forms are available in 311 or 301 Jaynes Hall. Students participating as staff members may also receive variable course credit for their work. Editors are responsible for staff assignments, and enrollment is by advisor permission.

Editor positions for the respective publications are competitive and chosen annually by the Student Publications Board, which governs all student publications.

Student publications allow students to hone their writing, editing, photographic, and graphic-design skills in professional settings, using advanced computer technology. The Columns is published six times per semester. The Mound, Whetstone, and Tracts are published annually. Whetstone showcases student writing and art and accepts submissions on a rolling basis. Kestrel: A Journal of Literature and Art is published biannually by the Department of Language and Literature. This journal features poetry, fiction, nonfiction, drama, translations, and visual art from art and literary professionals around the world. With a mission of promoting living literature and art, Kestrel acts as a cultural bridge to the community. Each year, Kestrel provides a three-credit internship to a junior or senior. Interested students should inquire through Dr. Donna J. Long, the editor, in 315 Jaynes Hall or at Donna.Long@fairmontstate.edu.

Additional publication opportunities are available through the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center: www.fairmontstate/wvfolklife.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Organized religious groups on campus include the Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodists and Presbyterians; Chi Alpha, related to

the Assemblies of God; and the Baptist Campus Ministry, related to the American Baptist Church. Other recognized religious organizations are: Campus Light Ministries, Increasing Our Faith, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Young Life. A complete list of active organizations is available in the office of Student Affairs.

The campus Roman Catholic Community gathers at the Newman Center which is located directly across the street from the entrance to Bryant Street Dormitory. The Newman Center is a full service campus ministry organization available to all administrators, faculty, staff and students. Weekend services are at 7 p.m. Saturday evening and 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday. Contact the Newman Center at (304) 363-2300.

Contact the Wesley Foundation at (304) 363-8210 or fairmontstatewesleyfoundation@yahoo.com Web address for the Wesley Foundation is www.fairmontstate.edu/SC/wesleyfoundation.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government actively seeks to supplement the academic atmosphere with intellectual, cultural, and social activities. Student Government members are involved in all aspects of life on campus and work cooperatively with the college administration, alumni, and community.

Every segment of the student body is represented in the Government. Members are elected each spring by the student body and receive special training for their positions. The association comprises a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, representatives of each class (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior), Board of Governor's Representative, House of Representatives, Statewide Advisory Council Representative, Faculty Senate, Director of Publications, Multicultural Representative, and Residence Hall Representatives. Student Government elects an advisor who must be a fulltime faculty or staff member.

Student Government meets weekly. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting location and times are subject to change; further information can be found on the Student Government website www.fairmontstate.edu/stulife/student-government/student-government.

THEATRE

Fairmont State University offers an active theatre program for the benefit of performers, technicians, and theatergoers.

The Masquers, the official student theatrical organization since 1923, presents annually a season of plays, varied in style and period, usually in Wallman Hall during the fall and spring semesters. The plays are directed by the Communication and Theatre Arts faculty, and designed by faculty or students under faculty supervision. Acting roles and positions on the production crews are open to the student body on a voluntary or course-credit basis. Participating students are encouraged to apply for a School of Fine Arts Participation Scholarship. Performances are open to the public. Membership in Masquers is open to the student body and is earned through participation with the theatrical productions.

Since 1960, the Masquers' Town & Gown Players has also presented a season during the summer months. Students enrolled in summer theatre courses work along with the members of the Resident Company (selected students receiving a grant for full-time acting and technical work) and members of the community. The Players bring a season of light theatre fare (comedies, musicals, children's plays) to Northern West Virginia theatergoers and provide a cultural, recreational, and educational outlet for all participants. The plays are directed, designed, and supervised by the professionally trained members of the Communication and Theatre Arts faculty and/or guest artists. Acting roles and positions on production crews are open to the public as well as to the students, faculty, and staff on a volunteer or course-credit basis.

Students who have demonstrated scholastic and production excellence are offered membership in the Alpha cast of Alpha Psi Omega, the National Dramatic Honorary.